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SUBJECT: UNESCO: DUMITRESCU

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1. LE MONDE OF FEBRUARY 28 PUBLISHED ON PAGE 4
EXTRACTS FROM A STATEMENT DUMITRESCU RELEASED THROUGH
HIS DAUGHTER WHO CURRENTLY IS IN PARIS. ESSENCE OF
STATEMENT WAS THAT DUMITRESCU, PROTESTING HAS LONG-
STANDING AND SINCERE SUPPORT OF THE POLITICAL REGIME
OF ROMANIA, SAID THAT HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD NOT SUBMIT
TO INJUSTICE AND CALUMNY; THEREFORE, HE WILL
SEEK TO RENOUNCE HIS ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP.
(AIRPOUCHING ARTICLE.)

2. AMBASSADOR TORRES, ACCOMPANIED BY USNATCOM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GUERRA-MONDRAGON CALLED ON DG M'BOW
FOR MEETING ON VARIOUS NATCOM-UNESCO RELATED PROJECTS.
GUERRA-MONDRAGON WARMLY RECEIVED BY DG, RECOUNTING
MUTUAL CARIBBEAN FRIENDS AND DISCUSSIONS ON NATCOM
AFRICAN DIASPORA PROJECT.
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3. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, DG COMMENTING ON
FORTHCOMING EXBD MEETING TOUCHED ON ISSUE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED. IN CONTEXT OF TALKS,
DUMITRESCU PROBLEM WAS RAISED AND REFERENCE MADE BY
AMBASSADOR TORRES THAT LE MONDE ARTICLE APPEARED TO
RESOLVE PROBLEM, SINCE RENOUNCING OF CITIZENSHIP BY

DUMITRESCU WOULD PRECIPITATE HIS EXPULSION BY GOR,
THUS BEING A FACE-SAVING DEVICE.

4. DG EXPRESSED DIFFERENCE, SAYING THAT DUMITRESCU
MADE STATEMENT UNDER GREAT DURESS. AT THIS POINT, HE
IS UNDER SUCH SEVERE PRESSURE THAT HE IS WILLING TO DO
ANYTHING TO LEAVE, BUT THAT DAILY POLICE INTERROGATIONS
ARE WEARING HIM DOWN IN THE HOPE THAT HE WILL CRACK.
HE IS NOT ALLOWED CONTACT WITH ANY UN PERSONNEL,
ALTHOUGH HE MANAGED TO SMUGGLE OUR STATEMENT HIS
DAUGHTER GAVE TO LE MONDE. DUMITRESCU NOW ADMITS HE
ERRED IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT.

5. DG IS CONSIDERING DISPATCHING LEN MARTIN, UNESCO
EXBD CHAIRMAN, TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH GOR. MOREOVER,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION OF UN WILL BE
MEETING IN LONDON TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE TO COINCIDE WITH
REPORT TO UNESCO EXBD AND GENERAL CONFERENCE. IT
IS DG'S OPINION THAT GOR HOPES TO PRESSURE DUMITRESCU
TO RESIGN AND CAPITULATE PRIOR TO THESE MEETINGS. SUCH
RESIGNATION OR ADMISSION OF ANY CRIME AGAINST THE STATE
AT THIS POINT WOULD DOOM HIM TO AN IMMEDIATE TRIAL
RESULTING IN IMPRISONMENT. DG DID NOT RULE OUT FOUL
PLAY THAT WOULD RESULT IN DUMITRESCU'S DEATH.

6. DG APPEALED TO USG FOR ANY HELP IT COULD BRING TO
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BEAR ON THIS CASE. AMBASSADOR TORRES WAS NON-
COMMITTAL, EXPRESSING ONLY THAT THE CASE WAS BEING
WATCHED.

7. ON FEBRUARY 21, DELOFF DISCUSSED DUMITRESCU CASE
WITH UNESCO LEGAL ADVISER CLAUDE LUSSIER, WHO SAID HE
DOUBTED THAT AN ADVISORY OPINION OF THE ICJ WOULD HAVE
ANY AFFECT ON GOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DUMITRESCU CASE.

8. FURTHERMORE, LUSSIER MAINTAINS THAT ANY DECISION TO
SEEK AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE ICJ MUST BE TAKEN BY
THE EXBD AND NOT THE DG. HE RECALLED THAT AUSTRALIAN
MEMBER HUGH PHILP HAD RAISED QUESTION OF RECOURSE TO
THE ICJ AT 102ND EXBD SESSION (SPRING 1977) AND HAD
RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS. UNDER
THESE CONDITIONS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SOME EXBD
MEMBER TO ORGANIZE A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THE MATTER AND
FORCE A VOTE ON IT. GIVEN SOLIDARITY OF USSR AND EES

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WITH GOR, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A CONSENSUS COULD BE
OBTAINED.

9. DELOFF ASKED IF THERE EXISTS ANYWHERE A CLEAR AND
COHERENT STATEMENT OF GOR CHARGES AGAINST DUMITRESCU,
AND LUSSIER SAID THERE DOES NOT. HE RECALLED THAT
THE GOR'S ORIGINAL CHARGE WAS THAT DUMITRESCU HAS FAILED
TO COMPLY WITH ROMANIAN LAW THAT ANY ROMANIAN CITIZEN
RECEIVING HARD CURRENCY INCOME (NOT JUST INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEES, BUT ALL ROMANIANS EMPLOYED IN
ANY CAPACITY OUTSIDE OF ROMANIA) MUST CONVERT A
CERTAIN PORTION OF THAT INCOME INTO ROMANIAN CURRENCY.
HOWEVER, DUMITRESCU HAS SINCE MADE THE REQUIRED CON-
VERSION, AND THAT ISSUE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SETTLED.

10. IN FEBRUARY 28, FOBES TOLD US THAT LUSSIER
IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT THE INITIATIVE ON DUMITRESCU
NOW LIES WITH THE EXBD AND NOT THE DG. HOWEVER, AT
104TH SESSION (APRIL-JUNE 1978) DG MAY ASK THE EXBD
TO LET HIM TAKE BACK THE INITIATIVE. FOBES THOUGHT
THAT ONE REASON HUCH PHILP'S INIATIVE IN RAISING THE
ICJ ISSUE LAST YEAR DID NOT GET ANY SUPPORT WAS THAT IT
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WAS POORLY FLOOR-MANAGED. HE THOUGHT LUSSIER COULD

HAVE BEEN OF MORE HELP IN THIS INSTANCE.

11. FOBES CONTINUES IN CONTACT WITH THE DAUGHTER, WHOM HE SAYS IS ACTING WITH RESTRAINT, AND IS NOT A PUSHY TYPE ANYWAY. HE IS WILLING TO CONTINUE TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN, AND TO INTRODUCE HER TO AMBASSADOR TORRES. WE DID NOT TAKE UP THE LATTER OFFER AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AMBASSADOR OR DELOFF SHOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH HER.
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